

ended up at Tope and Wingate Elementary Schools, where he became a school counselor. He has worked for the schools for eleven years and hopes to work there for many more. Everyday on the job Louis provides the children with a positive influence, giving them a mentor they can respect and admire.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to pay tribute to Louis Martinez before this body of Congress and this nation. His determination and optimism are models for today's youth. I am pleased that Louis has chosen a career where he can extend his positive influence to our children. Thank you, Louis, for the outstanding example of hard work, determination, and optimism that you have given our children.

RECOGNITION OF RALPH CLEMINGS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize Mr. Ralph Clemings of Troy VFW Post 976, Illinois. Ralph recently presented two protective vests for the dogs of the Illinois State Police K-9 unit from District 11 in Collinsville, Illinois.

Ralph came up with the idea after watching the K-9 units work in the aftermath of 9-11. He thought that since these dogs are now being sent in to risk their lives in dangerous situations, they should have the same type of protective vests that the policemen have. He then contacted the Illinois State Police and found out that the state didn't have enough funding in the budget to purchase any vests for the dogs. After hearing this Ralph set out to raise the needed funds to purchase the vests. It took him nearly 7 months, but he raised the money without ever asking anyone else for help.

On April 27, 2003, Ralph presented two dog vests to Sergeant Fred Scholl and his K-9 partner "DAX" and also to Trooper Rampert and his K-9 partner "Rogune." Ralph also noted that K-9 units have been used to save thousands of lives in the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and most recently in Iraq.

I would like to congratulate and thank Ralph for his hard work on this cause. This selfless act is a prime example of someone giving back to the community and the dedication that makes this country so great.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID A. LEBOW

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr. David A. Lebow on the occasion of his retirement as the President of the Montebello Teachers Association. I also want to thank him for 39 years of distinguished and dedicated service to the Montebello Unified School District.

David Lebow first joined the Montebello Unified School District in 1964, as a teacher at Eastmont Junior High School. In 1971 he

began enriching the minds of students at Schurr High School in the disciplines of Music, Theater Arts, Advanced Placement American History, and Advanced Placement American Government. Over the last 33 years his service to the education community has been demonstrated through numerous positions including Fine Arts and Social Studies Department Chair, High Risk Academic Cluster Coordinator, Key Club Sponsor, National Honor Society Sponsor, Principal's Advisory Committee Chair, and Class Sponsor in 1974 and 1979.

In 1981 David Lebow began dedicating his time and skills to the Montebello Teachers Association (M.T.A.), serving as High School Representative from 1981 through 1984, Vice President from 1984 through 1985 and again in 1998 through 2000. He served as Treasurer from 1991 through 1993. In 2001, the membership elected Mr. Lebow President, where he has served as the voice of over 1,600 teachers for the past two years.

Mr. Lebow has also served as the M.T.A. Lifetime Health Benefits Trust Chairperson since 1987. Additionally, David Lebow's advocacy on behalf of teachers extends to the state level, where he has served on the California Teachers' Association (C.T.A.) Board of Directors from 1990 through 2001. He has served as member and Chairperson of the Alliance of Urban Teachers from 1985 through 1989 as well as Liaison Coordinator to the C.T.A. Board of Directors.

Mr. Lebow has lead with integrity and has enjoyed the respect of many in the field of education. So it is not surprising that his skills and devotion have earned him many awards and recognitions. He has been the recipient of the P.T.A. Founders Award, the Los Angeles County Bravo Award, the C.T.A. Local and State "Who" Award for outstanding work on behalf of members, and the C.T.A. Human Rights Award for work in fostering the advancement of women and minorities in leadership positions.

Mr. Speaker, in closing I wish the very best to David Lebow as he is recognized for his years of service to the Montebello Unified School District. His strong leadership skills and devotion to the teaching profession and to children will be greatly missed. During the last 39 years of service, he certainly has earned recognition, and I call upon all my colleagues to join me in applauding his tenure in education and wishing him all the best for his retirement.

HONORING RUTH ZEMLOCK

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to stand before this body of Congress today to express my thanks and admiration for Ruth Zemlock, the winner of the May 2003 "9 Who Care Award". Channel Nine News in Denver, Colorado awards this honor to someone who strives to give back to his or her community through volunteering, something Ruth has succeeded in doing for over 14 years.

Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs, Colorado is lucky to have such a determined and hard working volunteer; a woman who

has done so much for the hospital that she has garnered the nickname "Dr. Ruth." Her fellow co-workers explain that Ruth knows "anything and everything" about the hospital, because at one time or another she has worked in every department. Today, Ruth is working at the information desk and in outpatient surgery and is a member of the hospital's Board of Directors. To date, she has amazingly given over 11,000 hours of her time, about 458 days, to the care of others.

Mr. Speaker, Ruth's hard work and determination have provided Valley View Hospital with an exemplary model of heart and kindness. Volunteers are an integral part of America's workforce. Each day, they make an impact on everyone around them. At the age of 85, Ruth's endless energy and enthusiastic spirit amaze all who know her. Thank you, Ruth, for your years of distinguished, honorable service. Valley View Hospital and Glenwood Springs, Colorado will forever be in your debt.

LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN BUREAU OF RECLAMATION ACTIVITIES

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 5, 2003

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Speaker, today, Representative ED CASE and I are introducing legislation to authorize certain Bureau of Reclamation activities that will have profound impacts on the future of Hawaii's economy.

The legislation is a companion bill to one introduced in the Senate by Senator DANIEL AKAKA and Senator DAN INOUE. It will expand the scope of the Bureau of Reclamation water resources study authorized by the 105th Congress as well as authorize three specific projects needed to address Hawaii water needs. This law, the Hawaii Water Resources Act of 2000, included Hawaii in the Bureau's wastewater reclamation program and expanded its drought relief programs to include Hawaii.

Although one of Hawaii's greatest assets is its tropical climate, there are vast areas where little rainfall occurs and conditions are very similar to that of the high arid regions of the mainland U.S. In addition, similar to current conditions in these U.S. areas, drought conditions have been occurring in most recent years.

The most recent projection of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply indicates that the island of Oahu will exhaust the fresh water supplies of the island by the year 2018. Seventy-two percent of Hawaii's population lives on Oahu, so it is easy to imagine the cataclysmic consequences of ignoring the dire warnings that are being sounded. There are numerous efforts underway at both the State and local levels to begin addressing problems, such as substituting recycled water for potable water when appropriate, improving storage to preserve surface water, and implementing conservation technologies.

Enactment of the legislation will help lead us to long-term solutions. There are, however, several projects ready for implementation that would begin to mitigate current and future conditions. Three of them would be authorized